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I left SBI in time to get the 1:05 P.M. Martz Bus for Scranton. En route I rested and prepared for the meeting. Arrival in Scranton at 3:30 and naturally WSP was there. We drove home through the country. While waiting for dinner (sausage and eggs) I applied new bulk rate labels to the 222 pieces that are ready to mail and which are sitting in the club room at The Homestead. After three years of using the same bulk rate mailing label, the United States Postal Service has decided that they want a new label--the words "bulk rate" must now appear on the labels. I arrived at City Hall about 6:30 P.M. and went over to the Fire Company and got the key to the upper reaches of City Hall and also got a cup of coffee from Mister Donut. Back to City Hall and I set up the twelve folding chairs that have been given to the Society by the Shiflers and arranged them around the table in 301. I put a white table cloth/oil cloth on the table so that the table would be clean and neat and we could have our meeting in the midst of the "chantier de travail" which is what 301 is at the moment. I like the idea of having our meetings in 301 "as it emerges from the stone" so to speak. I got the room all ready and sat down at the head of the table and drank the Mister Donut coffee. Sue Stephens was the first to arrive. We chatted and eight other people arrived: Joe Pascoe, Nan E. Loftus, Jean Colville, Mary Lou Dearie, Bob Tomaine, Howard A. Yepson, JVB and Mary Coleman. Nan Loftus huffed and puffed up the stairs. It is very difficult for her to negotiate stairs, given her physical condition. I am not sure what her particular problem is, but I believe she has some kind of artificial heart device. Mary Lou advised her to walk up the stairs backwards--that is apparently the best way for someone who had a heart problem to mount stairs. We had some major rescheduling to do and we did it. The Metro Photography exhibition, originally scheduled for February 6th, has been rescheduled for February 20th. The Saint Joseph's D&H Gravity Railroad lecture that was scheduled for the 3rd has been put off to the 17th. The Board of Directors meeting will take place on February 3rd. Howard Yepson reimbursed me for the bills I submitted to the Society for expenses that I incurred on behalf of the Society. The laundered check for \$109.71--Howard says that the Liberty Bank will cash the check. Howard gave me check \$104 for \$14.81, dated 1-20-1983 for expenses incurred by SRP; he also gave me check 106 for expenses \$68.88 and \$16.80--check 106 is dated 1-21-1983; the total in expenses that I was reimbursed for at the meeting: \$210.20. Nan Daniels presented checks from two new members: Mr. and Mrs. Oswald L. Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mazza. Both of these memberships are a result of her telephone calls to people that she knows. What did we do at the meeting? I spoke briefly about the Post Office meeting and read the third paragraph of Biglin's letter of 12-22-1982 to me. That letter is a victory for the CHS, said I. I read my letter of 01-07-83 to Rev. Pullis and suggested that we send \$25 as a thank you to the BBC for allowing us to hold the meeting in the Social Room of the Church. Rev. Pullis told me that the check, whatever the amount, would be returned to the Society. Howard wrote out check no. 105 for \$25 and I gave him the original of my letter to Pullis and Howard will mail the letter and check. I publicly thanked Sue Stephens for all the excellent publicity work that she has done recently. I showed my colleagues copies of all

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of the recent press clippings about the Society and its activities and then I showed my colleagues the letters that I wrote to Palko, Rinaldi, Phil and Rosemary Heth. I then read my letter of 01-14-1983 to Charlotte Moro; my letter of 01-14-1983 to K. Tracy; my letter of 01-18-1983 to Karl Browder; my letters of 01-13-1983 to Cy m. Grosvenor, John Kucharski, Lloyd L. Neimeyer. I reported that thank you letters had been written to the Carbondale Women's Club, Rosemary R. Kelly, Lavinia Allen Spencer, Panattoni (originally written on the 21st, but revised due to the change in the schedule of events that will be sponsored by the Society in February, and re-dated the 24th). I showed my colleagues the letter and photo that Mrs. Esther G. Evans sent me in mid-December (photo of tower of City Hall). I reported on the two CARBONDALE CALENDAR 1983 mailings that I had done on behalf of the Society: over \$800 worth of calendars were sent, with the Society's compliments, to Carbondale businesses and to Carbondale business and professional people. One mailing on 12-18-1982 and one mailing on 01-07-1983. I announced to the Society that, given the many duties that the President must perform, that the President needed a "Special Assistant" and named JVB to fill that post. He was pleased and so were the membership. I reported that the CHS Christmas Sale on 11-26/27-19893 had resulted in \$52.50 worth of sales with \$13.25 in expenses or a profit of \$39.25. Sue Stephens still owes the Society for six T-shirts and when she pays her \$30 I will deliver the \$39.25 to Howard for deposit. I showed my colleagues the Season Pass that Daniel P. Byrne's daughter had recently sent me to the CARBONDALE GRAND OPERA HOUSE; also I showed the membership the correspondence from DPB's daughter to me. I asked JVB how the membership cards were coming along--could the High School print the cards if we buy the paper. Yes, said JVB. JVB also showed me a design for a business card for me that he has designed and will print. I was very touched by the fact that JVB had designed a business card for the President of the CHS. Nan Loftus, at my request, will get copies of three photos that Ros-Al took of members of the Society: the dinner at Morrison's, the unveiling of the Carbondale Historical Marker beside City Hall, and the Christmas party. I want copies of all three for my personal records as well as for the records of the CHS. It was a nice group of people at the meeting but I felt frustrated after the meeting was over--we have so much to do in 301, and so few people who are capable of doing anything in 301. It's just RTP, JVB, RJT and myself. After the meeting, Tomaine and John and I went to Mister Donut. As always, I feel very relaxed after the meetings are over. We enjoyed each other's company for about 45 minutes and then I drove JVB home. Tomaine will help me work in 301 on Saturday beginning at 11 A.M. and JVB said that he would take off from Vo-Tech in the afternoon on Friday and help me work in 301. I drove JVB home and then went to The Homestead and prepared another NP promotional mailing: 200 or so copies of the BBC issue of NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. I stuffed the copies into envelopes and inserted the promotional/descriptive brochure and put the labels on the envelopes and sealed them and crossed out the SBI return address and the envelopes were all set to go--minus the addresses of the recipients--and all that was completed by 2 A.M. when I went to bed. Jean Colville called before I got home on Thursday and left the message that I was to call her if I got home before midnight. I got home by 11 but I did not have the energy to call Jean and so I did not do so.